EAGLES WIN HOSPE PIANO

Fraternal Order Has It With Hardly a Doubt.

Counting of Coupons Can Not be F Neb State Ustorical Seer La Prob. Prob.

the Fraternal Order of Eagles will manipulate the ivories on the Hospe piano which has been the object of a contestant voting in Norfolk. It will in all probability be the Eagles who play the first tune and the last one on the instrument. The ballots are not all counted and cannot be finished today, but every indication puts the Eagles far ahead in the running. They claim to have cast 250,-000 coupons while the Queen City hotel, the next in line, claims 147,500.

According to the schedule, the finale of the contest came at noon today. The committee began immediately afterward in the counting of coupons at the Kiesau drug store, where the ballot box has been kept.

The contest has been running for several months and had, as may be noted from the votes cast, created no small bit of excitement. It was started by merchants of the city. Each line of business was allowed a representative on the list and each Mr. Asmus was a director, was closed, one in the contest issued coupons with every twenty-five cent purchase.

Toward the end of the voting, rivalry grew warm and every effort was used by the various contestants to Meeting Will be Held Tomorrow Afbring the piano where they thought

ANOTHER PIONEER GONE.

Carl Asmus, Who Engaged in Business Here a Third of a Century Ago, Dies in Omaha.

[From Saturday's Daily.] Carl Asmus, one of the piones business men of Norfolk, passed away this morning in an Omaha hospital after submitting to an operation for the removal of gravel stones, which had been bothering him for some time, and the remains will be brought to Norfolk on the evening train by his wife, daughter and oldest son, who were with him at the end. The funeral arrangements have not yet been completed but will probably be Monday afternoon from the family

home, 420 South Fifth street.

Mr. Asmus was born in northern Prussia October 22, 1838. He came to America when yet a young man and one of his first undertakings was the helping on the construction of the Union Pacific railroad across the continent. Afterward he went to West Point where he started in business. He came to Norfolk about 33 years ago and first engaged in the saloon business in the small frame building which was torn down and removed from East Norfolk avenue this spring. He remained in the liquor business about a year, and then opened up a stock of general merchandise in the same building. This business prospered under his careful management and he accumulated money. In 1880 he erected one of the first brick buildings of the town at the corner of Norfolk avenue and Third street, then the business center of the city, and which is still one of the best buildings in the city, standing as a monument to Mr. Asmus' progressive spirit. In this building he continued in the general merchandise business until December. 1901, when he closed out, owing to a desire to spend his remaining days in comfort without business matters to worry him. He was at the time of his death, and had been for years, a director in the Citizens National bank, and had other business and property interests in the city so that his family is left in better than comfortable circumstances.

Mr. Asmus married at West Point February 2, 1871, Louise Koch being the maiden name of his wife, who survives him. To them six children were born, all but the youngest having seen the light of day in the rooms over his first place of business in Norfolk. Four of the children are living, two having died in infancy. Those living are: Mrs. Elsie Koenigstein, the only daughter, and three sons, Max. Hugo and Frederic, all of whom are grown and make their home in Norfolk.

Mr. Asmus was first taken sick during last October. Medical treatment benefitted him until about three weeks ago when he was taken very sick and it was decided that only an operation would save his life. He went to the Omaha hospital July 15, his wife and daughter following last Saturday and remaining with him until the end.

day morning of this week, and it the ivories of the Hospe piano. The ity, when no birds are shot, but the was for a day or two thought that with | final counting of the votes gave them his splendid constitution and in spite the victory by a large margin. The of his advanced age he would re- instrument will be a prominent feacover. Inflammation soon set in, ture of their club rooms in the Elbe said Deputy Hunger, "you make a however, and he suffered terribly un-building. The total vote as given fool mit me and you pays for it." til the hour of his death. It was soon out stands:

found him still alive and conscious, and this morning word was received that he had died at 7:15.

Mr. Asmus had no relatives in this country that he knew of. He had a cousin living in Chicago before the great fire, but has not been able to locate him since. He was highly respected and honored by all having the pleasure of his acquaintance and outside his family there will be many to sincerely mourn his death.

"AL OF CARL ASMUS reer Laid to Rest in "his Afternoon.

Daily.]
A Carl Asmus The funeral . was held from the dly home, 420 South Fifth street, at 3 o'clock this afternoon, Rev. Mr. Pfeiffer, pastor of Johannes Lutheran church at Madison, being in charge of the funeral ceremonies. The funeral rites called r a large attendance of old friends and neighbors, who mourned with the relatives for one who is gone but not forgotten.

Frederic Koch, a brother of Mrs. Asmus, came up from West Point yesterday to attend the funeral, and the following arrived on the noon train today: Mr. and Mrs. Breitinger Mr. and Mrs. Ferdinand Koch. Mr. and Mrs. Herman Koch, and Dr. and Mrs. Hollister, all of West Point, the early home of Mr and Mrs. Asmus. and where they were united in mar-

Interment was made in Prospect Hill cemetery.

During the funeral this afternoon, the Citizens National bank, of which

TO ORGANIZE A BAND.

ternoon to See What Can

be Done in that Line. [From Saturday's Dally.]
A meeting of all those who play a

band instrument or desire to learn has been called for tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock in the Ahlman bicycle shop to ascertain what the sentiment is toward organizing a band this season and some of it never will in Norfolk. The situation has been canvassed and it has been found that there are enough men in the city who already play a band instrument or are willing to try to organize a first class band.

It is an organization that Norfoik should support and maintain contin- | sons are referred to pages of The uously and there is the material obtainable if only the proper enthusiasm can be created and the citizens depended on for a liberal patronage. Norfolk should by all means have a band, and those who have taken hold of the matter should be encouraged lawns were destroyed utterly and their to go ahead and complete the organzation so that the next time the city has any call for music it will not be necessary to canvass the country over for a band that will furnish it.

The meeting tomorrow afternoon should be well attended by those interested and the prospects for the maintenance of a band carefully canvassed, with a view to organizing a band that will be of permanent benefit to the city.

BATTLE CREEK BOYS WON.

In a Foxy Game Yesterday, They Beat Norfolk by a Score of 4 to 3. Play Return Here.

[From Monday's Daily.] In a game that was replete with corking good plays, featuring triple plays and doubles quite promiscuously, "Butch" Marquardt's baseball bunch from Norfolk was yesterday handed a defeat at Battle Creek in a score of 4 to 3. The Battle Creek Specials were as nifty a lot as the Sugar City crowd has run up against this season and the nine innings were sharp and clean-cut.

Billy Wetzel, behind the bat, was all in all, and did not allow a single stolen base at second. The whole team played like clock work and it was simply the superior article of the boys of Battle Creek that sent them to the bad.

A crowd of enthusiastic fans watched the sport and a good sized lot of spectators from this city went up to see the fun. The locals are planning now on a return game from the warriors of Battle Creek and also contemplate more contests with the South Norfolk railroad men and with a club at Madison which is pronounced good.

The Norfolk boys report right royal reatment at the hands of Norfolk's neighbor yesterday and had a good time even when they weren't playing

THE EAGLES FLYING HIGH.

For They Are the Ones Who Will Play the New Piano at Their Club Rooms.

The Eagles are flying high today, The operation was performed Tues- for they are the ones who will tickle

and Frederic went yesterday and May Johnson 29,680 largest in the United States. There to make the connection.

Terrific Rainstorm Struck City Last Night.

WAS JUST THE SAME OLDSTORY.

Avenues Were Transformed Into Rivers and Lawns Were Besmeared With Mud-Property Was Damaged to a Considerable Extent, as usual.

tFrom Monday's Dally I After an excessively oppressive condition of the atmosphere last evening, when the barometer fell quickly and when every breath of air seemed to be shut off all ut once, Norfolk was visited by the severest rainstorm of the sason at about mid-night. The amount was 1.53 inches. As a re sult Corporation Gulch, in the west side, overflowed and residence property for many blocks was covered with a thick layer of slimy mud. The damage was considerable, but that of course, was to be expected.

Streets running down to the tracks as far west as Thirteenth, were con verted into flowing rivers which tore dong with tremendous force for some time during the night. The rain fell in solid sheets, dropping like a cloudburst.

Norfolk avenue, as usual upon such seensions, was a stream seventy feet wide and deep enough to drown any human being in, if the human being were to fall. Along the sides it was easily three feet deep. Lawns were engulfed with the coating of muddy water as it rushed along and when the liquid had disappeared this morning, a caking of the mud still stuck Sidewalks were put down underneath the surface and have kept people busy today cleaning up.

Garden truck in some locations was washed away completely and many of the prety patches of blue grass were littered with debris from farms for miles up in the hills. Some of the harm can be repaired within be overcome

The Same Old Story.

It is just the same old story that has been told every year during the past decade, with often a half dozen repetitions during the summer. For complete details of the trouble per-News during 1902, 1901, 1900, 1899, 1898, 1897 and other years back. Each year the chronicle has related how the water rushed down from the northwestern hills upon the helpless inhabitants of the west end; how their could find nowhere else to go; and how it could find nowhere else to go because the natural outlet had been dammed by people and how the outet that does try to serve ought to be damned, also.

Each year the residents of that section have complained of the treat ment, each year the city has done nothing because anything else would cost more money and each year the property owners, themselves, have paid out more, all told, than it would cost the city to make permanent re

"If they don't want to be flooded. they ought not to have built in mudholes," some have said.

The section of Norfolk along Third street also suffered severely from the storm. Gardens there were all unde water this morning.

WANTED BIRDS FOR THE TEST.

Holt County Sports Enlist Game Wardens in Protecting Young Chickens From Poachers.

1From Saturday's Daily.] Famous and well bred bird dogs from all parts of the country are congregating at O'Neill for a field contest which is to take place August 18 To make this contest interesting it is necessary to have birds in th country and some of the men at the head of the affair hit upon the scheme of having the game warden and his deputies assist toward the protection of the said birds.

Warden Carter was therefore notified that there were violations of the law in that vicinity and he dispatched Deputy Hunger to the place to make a drag in of the poachers. When he reached O'Neill he was directed to men who were alleged to be intent on cut in a wire fence, and the sight of buggy and raced them over the praifrom Battle Creek to care for her. was after violators. When he finally overtook the men they proved to be without guns and it turned out that he was being used as a decoy to frighten those who might be tempted to move the birds before the blooded dogs had a chance to show their abildogs are tested with guns loaded with blank shells.

"You make monkeydoodles mitme."

are 125 entries. Dogs and trainers from all over the country are now on he ground getting ready to contest or a \$1,000 purse, the largest single prize being \$500. lowa was to have held one about the same date, but as chickens are much more plentiful in Nebraska, it was abandoned, and all the celebrated bird dogs will come to Nebraska. The dogs are worked in pairs and kept in crates or cages and hauled about until the time comes to ry them. The judges and spectators move about over the prabsic in sight of the dogs. When a dog points a ard the judge on horseback dismounts, fires blank shells to test the teadiness of the dog, and finally flushes the bird limself. Points are cored in accordance with rules of be game. Sometimes if a set of dogs alls to find a bird others are sent over the same ground, and if they find one the first dogs are not conidered in the game. Steadiness, peed, endurance and other qualities of the dogs are scored by experts at he business. Some of the animals re directed by the use of a whistle, and in response to such signals go in my given direction or for any dered distance.

REWARD FOR MURDERER.

State Will Pay \$200 for the Appre hension of the Man Who Shot William Merritt.

[From Saturday's Daily.] Lincoln, July 31.—Governor Mickey sterday proclaimed a reward of 200 for the apprehension of the murlerer of William G. Merritt, who was diffed at Niobrara on the night of July 26. The murderer is still at arge, and the reward was asked for by the authorities of the county. In the request for the reward it is state. that a man by the name of Isaac Me-Coun is suspected of doing the deed. According to the information received at the governor's office, Meritt was supposed to have been killed a man who followed him out of livery stable shortly before the The man tried to head his ictin off, but failing in this, followed im to an alley turning into his home and shot him three times, one of the bullets passing through his heart and causing instant death.

McCoun, the suspected man, was een to leave the barn shortly after Merritt. It is said that the trouble etween the men originated over the relations between Merritt and the dicorced wife of McCoun.

Immediately after the theft she left Omaha, and was found at viding penalties against persons who Missouri Valley. The papers au kill them were passed for the sake thorized J. T. Mitchell of Omaha to bring her back to the state.

TILDEN FARMERS NOT IN NEED.

Regardless of the Demolishing Hail. They Will Hold to Their Live Stock.

[From Saturday's Daily.] From the hall stricken regions about Tilden, I. G. Westervelt and Alvin Low, of this city, have just returned. They went to invest in live stock which they thought the farmers in that section would be glad to sell, but bought not an animal because the husbandmen of the Tilden territory are so well-to-do that even an utterly demolished crop does not induce them to transform beef into cash, so long as there is still prospect for the beef's advance. Mr. Westervelt reports that the crops are utterly ruined in every respect, not a patch of grain nor corn of any size standing. The farmers can still procure feed, however, both on the west and on the east, and intend to hold their stock regardless of this year's

CAMPING CHOIR RETURNS HOME.

After a Week's Outing, the Trinity Choir Breaks Camp at Yellow Banks-Miss Wellis III.

[From Tuesday's Dally.] a pleasant week.

WRECK DELAYS TRAINS MUCH.

Bonesteel Passenger Met With Accident at West Point and Arrived at 4:30.

Patrick Guildea Fell in Creek at Council Bluffs.

TWO SONS LIVING IN THIS CITY.

Sad News of the Unfortunate Death Comes Today-Dead Man Was 88 Years Old-Made His Home Here Until One Year Ago.

From Wednesday's Daily.1 Patrick Guildea, father of James and John Guildea of this city, and who will be remembered as having made Norfolk his home until about a year ago, was drowned in Indian Creck at Council Bluffs yesterday morning. Mr. Guildea was making his home in the St. Bernard hospital. He had been sick for some time and was very weak. yesterday morning he wandered to the bank of the stream and was found drowned soon after. It is thought he fell in

John Guildea is out of the city to day. James Guildea has been trying to locate the brother by telephone all morning. The two sons will likely go to Omaha tomorrow morning for the funeral of their father. He will be buried in Omaha, beside the grave of their mother who died about a

Mr. Guilden was eighty-eight years old and very, very feeble. He was sent to the hospital a short time ago by his sons here, at the advice of physicians and friends, because it was thought that he would there re be of great importance to the Snake ceive better treatment than was otherwise possible. He had become quite childish of late years.

IN THE PROTECTION OF BIRDS.

Friends of the Feathered Family ar Making Efforts to Protect These Useful Creatures.

[From Wednesday's Dully.] While arrests in Norfolk for the

hooting of song birds are something rather novel, because of the fact that only recently has a deputy game war den been acting as a detective in such cases and tracing out the violations yet the prosecution of persons who are killing the songsters in other lo calities is becoming quite common. The movement to protect the bird

Governor Mickey yesterday issued is one which is just now attracting a requisition for Minnie Brown, who considerable attention throughout the is wanted at Omaha to answer a country. In Nebraska, especially, efcharge of larceny from the person, forts are being made by friends of She is accused of taking \$108 from the birds to protect them all over the property damaged; how the streets the pocket of a man named H. D. state for the sake of agriculture as much as anything else. The laws pro largely, of the farmer. Without the bird, agriculture cannot thrive. There are myriads of little insects and bugs which eat up and destroy vegetation and which can be exterminated by birds, alone. For this reason the farmers have become friends of the feathered family and are anxious to

encourage their protection. Even quail, which afford so much fun to the sportsman in season, find warm defenders all through the agricultural section of this country because of their inestimable value in destroying injurious bugs and worms. The prairie chicken, too, is a gardener all alone and will rid a potato patch of obnoxious insects better than any chemical in the world. But more than the game birds, the songsters are the friends of vegetation and it is these pretty little creatures that sit guard over the orchards whole seasons at a time, kill out the destructive bugs and worms and save the growers an unlimited and measureless sum in practical dollars and cents.

The grubs which have so thoroughly ruined lawns in Norfolk this season are said to be powerful simply because one or two families of birds in Norfolk bave been killed off by shooters. As a result, whole blocks of blue grass are curling up, unable to live at all, and people are wondering what to do to get rid of the grubs.

In order to more completely proect the birds, the state game warden The camping party made up of the has appointed deputies throughout Trinity church choir have finished the commonwealth to enforce the their outing at the Yellow Banks and statutes. Some persons there may bring in their tents tomorrow. Rather be who are shooting song birds withan unfortunate ending came to the out realizing that they commit an ofweek in the illness of Miss Louise fense and are liable to arrest. They scour the country far and near for Weills. Her riding horse was badly should take warning that they may shooting prairie chickens out of sea- it was enough to make the young bird they kill. They may rest asbe called upon to pay \$5 for every son. He took after two men in a woman faint. A physician was called sured, too, that so long as deputies ries and everybody in the county was Other than this, the campers report the violations will not go unpunished. receive ample rewards for all catches, The best way yet, though, would be for the gunners to quit the practice because of their own natural tendencies and dispositions to protect the birds of all kinds, the saviors of agriculture.

A Couple of Stories.

The Madison Star Mail prints the Owing to a wreck at West Point | following crop story, but refuses to vouch for its truth, referring all infollowing crop story, but refuses to this morning the Bonetseel passen quiries to Mr. Lyons; "In all probger train, due here at 11:55 was four ability "Toot" Lyons has about the oldest con, Max, went down. Hugo Gertrude Austin 33,501 This field trial is be one of the Northwestern for Long Pine waiting near the edge of his oat field. The cannot be learned. There was none dog being close upon the rabbit, it whatever on the household goods.

jumped into the field, landing on top of the oats, the dog in close pursuit; then began a race for life. The chase was exciting and each held his distance remarkably well. The rabbit and dog took two full turns around the field before the latter found an opening where it could drop through to the ground and be safe from pur-

There is something the matter with he brand of bourbon imbibed in the sanctum of the Fullerton Daily Report, when an optical defusion will cause a reporter to write as follows: Yerterday afternoon as ice was being unloaded in the rear of Forbes! meat market, a snake was discovered in one of the cakes of ice, apparently frozen; the cake fell from the wagon o the ground breaking in many pieces. Mr. Saake wallet off for if tothing unusual had happened. Geion Times.

ALLEN A RAILROAD PROMOTER.

ormer Populist Senator From Nebraska May Become a Railroad Magnate if Line Develops.

Drom Tuesday's Daily.)
According to advices from Spokane. Wash., Ex-Senator Wm. V. Allen of Madison, has become interested in a railroad project that is being developed on the coast. A few days ago he met in Spokane Judge M. M. Godman of Dayton, Wash, and M. O. Reed of Colfax, that state, and they proceeded to organize a railroad company to build a line from Huntington, Ore., to Lewiston, Idaho.

priver valley, and will furnish communication between a number of mining districts and the world. Among the latter is the Seven Devils district, in which former Senator Allen is interested, being president of the Inca-Mining company. Among the stockholders of the company are a number of Union Pacific and Oregon Railway & Navigation officials, but whether they are officially, or directly, interested in the proposed road has not yet developed.

For a number of years efforts have been made to build a road to tap the Seven Devils district, and follow about the same route now proposed. The Northwest Railroad company started such a road from Huntington down the Snake river, but after doing some grading abandoned it. The new ompany, of which former Senator Allen, it is presamed, will be an official, has bought the right-of-way and grade of the Northwest road, and the people who would be served by it be lieve the road will now be completed.

NORFOLK IS TO HAVE A GIRCUS.

After All, a Big, New, Railroad Show is Coming to Town, Two Weeks From Saturday.

[From Wednesday's Daily.] Norfolk is to have a circus this season, after all. A show is coming to town just two weeks from next Saturday, August 22. The attraction which has decided to hold forth in the metropolis of northeast Nebraska for two performances, morning and evening, is no other than that of Gollmar Bros.' Big New R. R. Shows. The press agent was in Norfolk this morning contracting for a lot and for bill board space, where the glittering poster effects, illustrating the animals and the aerobats, together with the grand free street parade and the other marvels of the ring will be pasted.

This is the first circus that has ventured into the city this season and from now until the morning that it comes-rain or shine-the small boy will be on the qui vive because of

PREVENTIVE AGAINST GRUBS.

Slacked Lime Has Been Found to Preserve the Blue Grass on Lawns.

[From Saturday's Daily.] As a preventive against the grubs which have been rooting out the blue grass of Norfolk lawns this season. G. Westervelt has found that slacked lime will work very effectively. To completely cover the spots affected with the damaging little bugs with this material will put it in such shape that another attack will not be forthcoming in years. The slacked lime is an inexpensive article and can be obtained in some places for almost nothing, after it has been

FIRE DESTROYS HOME TODAY.

used in manufacturing processes.

Dwelling House of Mrs. Caroline Farley, West of Town, Burned Completely.

[From Saturday's Daily.] At noon today the dwelling house of Mrs. Caroline Farley, who lives five miles west of Norfolk, was conpletely destroyed by fire. The blaze originated in the upstairs portion of and a half hours late into Norfolk, heaviest crop in this vicinity, if the the house and all household goods on He forthwith demanded \$14 to arriving at 4:30 this afternoon. All following incident, which he vouches the second floor were lost. There was no water protection, of course. The